

MICHIGAN SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK
OCTOBER 21-27, 2001

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education recognizes that the importance of protecting the safety of Michigan's school children extends beyond the classroom walls and the school building; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education has great respect for the accomplishments of Michigan's school bus drivers, mechanics, supervisors, and all school transportation personnel in providing the safest transportation possible for children to and from school and home; and

WHEREAS, each day over 18,000 school bus drivers transport more than 875,000 students, traveling over 433 million miles annually on almost 16,000 buses; and

WHEREAS, coordinating the countless routes over so many miles, and supervising the dozens of students on each vehicle, requires an outstanding effort put forth by thousands of exemplary professionals who have devoted their careers to transporting our children safely; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Board of Education continues to recognize and to take great pleasure in commending the men and women who accept and meet the challenge of school transportation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the week of October 21-27, 2001, be designated as Michigan School Bus Safety Week; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this week be devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our state's school buses; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Michigan drivers to become more aware of school bus safety regulations and encourage all citizens to be alert and drive carefully near school buses.

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